

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for selecting a desired subset from a list of names in a computer system, each of said names comprising a first name and a last name, said method comprising:

accepting a first desired letter input;

selecting a first subset from said list of names comprising names having a first name beginning with said first desired letter;

accepting a second desired letter input; and

selecting a second subset from said first subset that have a first name beginning with said first desired letter and a last name beginning with said second desired letter.

2. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, said method further comprising: displaying at least a portion of said first subset after selecting said first subset from said list of names.

3. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, said method further comprising:

displaying at least a portion of said second subset after selecting said second subset from said first subset.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, said method further comprising:

accepting a next desired letter input; and

selecting a next subset from a previous subset that have a first name beginning with said first desired letter and a last name beginning with said second desired letter and said next desired letter.

5. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 4, said method further comprising:

repeating said steps of accepting a next desired letter input and selecting a next subset.

6. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 4, said method further comprising:

displaying at least a portion of said next subset after selecting said next subset from said previous subset.

7. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 6, said method further comprising:

repeating said steps of accepting a next desired letter input, selecting a next subset, and displaying said next subset.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 4, said method further comprising:

accepting a user input deleting said next desired letter; and

selecting said second subset from said first subset that have a first name beginning with said first desired letter and a last name beginning with said second desired letter.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, said method further comprising:

displaying at least a portion of said second subset after selecting said second subset from said first subset.

10. (Previously Presented) A method for providing an intuitive interface to a wireless telecommunication system, said method comprising:

displaying a first button for selecting a telephone dial pad interface for dialing a telephone number ;

displaying a second button for selecting a speed dial interface for dialing a telephone number from a list of speed dial numbers;

displaying a third button for selecting a call history interface for dialing a telephone number from a call history list;

displaying a fourth button for selecting a contact list interface for dialing a telephone number from a contact list ;

receiving a first input selection of a first particular button from a user;

displaying a first particular interface corresponding to said first particular button; and continuing to display said first, second, third, and fourth buttons while said first particular interface is displayed.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 10, wherein said contact list comprises a list of names and telephone numbers, said names comprising a first name and a last name, said method further comprising:

accepting a first desired letter input from said user;

selecting a first subset from said list of names comprising names having a first name beginning with said first desired letter or a last name beginning with said first desired letter;

accepting a second desired letter input from said user; and

selecting a second subset from said first subset that have

a first name beginning with said first desired letter and said second desired letter, or

a last name beginning with said first desired letter and said second desired letter, or

a first name beginning with said first desired letter and a last name beginning with said second desired letter.

12. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 11, said method further comprising:

displaying at least a portion of said first subset after selecting said first subset from said list of names.

13. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 11, said method further comprising:

displaying at least a portion of said second subset after selecting said second subset from said first subset.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 11, said method further comprising:

accepting a next desired letter input; and

selecting a next subset from a previous subset that have

a first name beginning with said first desired letter, said second desired letter,

and said next desired letter, or

a last name beginning with said first desired letter, said second desired letter,

and said next desired letter, or

a first name beginning with said first desired letter and a last name beginning

with said second desired letter and said next desired letter.

15. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 14, said method further comprising:

repeating said steps of accepting a next desired letter input and selecting a next subset.

16. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 14, said method further comprising:

displaying at least a portion of said next subset after selecting said next subset from said previous subset.

17. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 16, said method further comprising:

repeating said steps of accepting a next desired letter input, selecting a next subset, and displaying said next subset.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 14, said method further comprising:

accepting a user input deleting said next desired letter; and

selecting said second subset from said first subset that have

a first name beginning with said first desired letter and said second desired letter, or

a last name beginning with said first desired letter and said second desired letter, or

a first name beginning with said first desired letter and a last name beginning with said second desired letter.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, said method further comprising:

displaying an active call interface when said user initiates an outgoing call or receives an incoming call; and

displaying a fifth button for selecting the active call interface, the fifth button being displayed only as long as said outgoing or incoming call is active.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein said active call interface comprises a hold button to place said outgoing or incoming call on hold.

21. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein said active call interface comprises a hang up button to hang up said outgoing or incoming call.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein said active call interface comprises an answer button to answer said incoming call.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 19 further comprising: continuing to display said first, second, third, and fourth buttons while said active call interface is displayed.

25. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 10 further comprising: after continuing to display said first, second, third, and fourth buttons, receiving a second input selection of a second particular button from a user; and displaying a second particular interface corresponding to said second particular button, wherein said second particular interface is displayed without requiring further input from said user.

26. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 10 wherein input is received from said user through a digitizer pad that covers said interfaces.

27. (New) A computer system comprising:

a memory that stores a collection of records, wherein each record has associated with it at least one of a first name and a last name; and

one or more processors that are programmed to:

accept a first desired letter as a first input;

select a first subset of records from the collection of records, each record in the first subset having at least one of the first name or the last name beginning with said first desired letter;

accept a second desired letter as a second input; and

select a second subset of records from either the collection of records or from the first subset of records, wherein each record in the second subset is selected for having one of (i) the first name beginning with said first desired letter and the last name beginning with said second desired letter; (ii) the first name beginning with said first desired letter followed by the second desired letter; or (iii) the last name beginning with said first desired letter followed by the second desired letter.

28. (New) The computer system of claim 27, wherein the computer system includes a display, and wherein the one or more processors are configured to provide on the display at least a portion of said first subset of records after selecting said first subset.

29. (New) The computer system of claim 27, further comprising a display, and wherein the one or more processors are configured to provide on the display at least a portion of said second subset of records after selecting said second subset.

30. (New) The computer system of claim 27, wherein the one or more processors are programmed to:

accept a next desired letter as a next input; and
select a next subset from one of the first subset of records, the second subset of records, or the collection of records, wherein each record in the next subset is selected for having one of (i) one of the first name or last name beginning with the first desired letter and the other of the first name or last name beginning with the second desired letter followed by the next desired letter input, or (ii) one of the first name or last name beginning with the first desired letter, followed by the second desired letter, followed by the next desired letter.

31. (New) The computer system of claim 30, further comprising a display, and wherein the one or more processors are programmed to provide on the display at least a portion of said next subset after selecting said next subset.

32. (New) The computer system of claim 30, wherein the one or more processors are configured to:

accept a user input deleting said next desired letter; and

responsive to accepting the user input deleting said next desired letter, select a second subset of records from either the collection of records or from the first subset of records, wherein each record in the second subset is selected for having one of (i) the first name beginning with said first desired letter and the last name beginning with said second desired letter; (ii) the first name beginning with said first desired letter followed by the second desired letter; or (iii) the last name beginning with said first desired letter followed by the second desired letter.

33. (New) The computer system of claim 30, further comprising a display, and wherein the one or more processors are configured to provide on the display at least a portion of said second subset after selecting said second subset.

34. (New) The computer system of claim 27, wherein the computer system corresponds to a portable computing device.

35. (New) The computer system of claim 34, wherein the computer system corresponds to a portable computing device with cellular communication capabilities.

36. (New) The computer system of claim 35, further comprising:
one or more cellular telephone mechanisms to enable a user to place or receive a cellular telephone call; and
wherein the one or more processors are configured to:

accept an input to identify a single record in the second subset;

identify a phone number contained in the record; and
initiate a cellular phone call to the identified phone number using the one or
more cellular telephone mechanisms.

37. (New) The computer system of claim 36, wherein the one or more processors are
configured to identify the phone number contained in the record based on a user-selection of
data contained in the single record.

38. (New) The computer system of claim 37, wherein the one or more processors are
configured to initiate the cellular phone call in response to a user-action.